

REMARKS

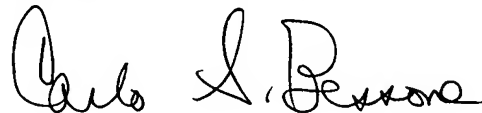
The Abstract and FIG. 4 have been amended in view of the Examiner's comments in Sections 1 and 2 of the Office Action. Claim 9 has been amended in response to the Examiner's comment in Section 3 of the Office Action.

Claims 1-9 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-10 of copending Application 10/649,894 in view of VanRiper et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,891,625).

In an effort to expedite prosecution, Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer (according to 37 CFR 1,321 (b)) to obviate the double patenting rejection of Applicants' Claims as stipulated in Section 4 of the Office Action. This timely filed disclaimer is deemed to overcome said rejection and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

The Application with Claims 1-9 is deemed in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully urged. Should the Examiner believe that minor differences exist which, if overcome, would pass the Application to allowance and that said differences can be discussed in a phone conversation, the Examiner is respectfully requested to phone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlo S. Bessone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carlo" being more prominent.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings marked "Replacement Sheet" includes changes to FIG. 4 to conform with the disclosure. This sheet, which includes FIGS 2-4, replaces the original sheet including FIGS. 2-4.